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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION TO APPLICANTS'
APRIL 12, 1996 SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND APRIL 15, 1996 SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT THERETO

Dear Sir:

This Supplemental Communication follows Applicants' April 12, 1996
Second Preliminary Amendment and April 15, 1996 Supplemental Amendment to
Applicants' April 12, 1996 Second Preliminary Amendment. No extension fee is
believed necessary because Applicants are awaiting a first action by the Examiner.

Claims 283 - 438 are currently pending in this application. Claims 283 - 437 were submitted in Applicants' April 12, 1996 Second Preliminary Amendment and claim 438 was submitted in their April 15, 1996 Supplemental Amendment.

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In an effort to assist the Examiner's review of pending claims 283-438, Applicants' undersigned attorney has prepared and is submitting herewith a claim chart (attached hereto as Exhibit 1). The attached chart shows support for each of the previously submitted claims. It is believed that the accompanying chart is self-explanatory and should be helpful in allowing the Examiner to track the support for the subject matter of each claim. Applicants' Washington associates are hand delivering a courtesy copy to Dr. Ardin Marschel in Group 1807.

No fee is believed due in connection with this Supplemental Communication. In the event that any fee or fees are due, however, authorization is given to change the amount of any such fee or fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

Applicants are also submitting herewith a Change of Correspondence Address Request indicating the new communication numbers for Applicants' attorney.

If it would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the undersigned may be contacted at (212) 583-0100 during business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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